

# Career Speed Networking Events

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# How do Career Speed Networking events work?

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- ✓ An interactive activity designed for a year group of students providing them with the opportunity to learn about a range of careers and gain confidence when speaking to employers.
- ✓ Students meet with a selection of professionals from a wide range of careers to talk about their current job, qualifications, skills and experiences. In some cases, the students may take part in a short work related activity led by the employer to learn about their role in a practical way, or be shown props such as equipment, uniforms, photographs and other items related to their employment.
- ✓ The students then rotate to the next employer until they have seen them all.
- ✓ This event works well for Year 9 to assist with the options process or for Year 10 and 11 for post 16 choices such as college or sixth form.

## Aims & Objectives:

To learn about the range of careers available to them in an intimate focussed setting and to gain confidence when speaking to adults.

## Also to enable students to:

- ✓ Recognise, develop and apply their skills for enterprise and employability
- ✓ Learn from contact with people who work
- ✓ Use equipment and undertake tasks and activities set in work contexts
- ✓ Start effective planning for the future



**Questions the students  
may ask you**





# By knowing what students might ask, you can prepare

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- ✓ What skills are most critical to success in the work you're currently doing?
- ✓ What is the most challenging aspect of your current job?
- ✓ What do you love most about your job?
- ✓ Is there anything you dislike about your job?
- ✓ What subjects should I focus on to get a job in your industry?
- ✓ Would you recommend an apprenticeship route or to go to university? Does your company offer apprenticeships?
- ✓ What advice would you give to someone who is interested in your industry/sector?
- ✓ What areas of your industry will offer the greatest opportunity in the coming years?
- ✓ What would you suggest that I do now to stand the best chance of getting into your industry?
- ✓ Based on what I've told you about my interests and skills, can you think of any roles in your industry to which I might be suited?
- ✓ If you were to change careers. Which of your current skills would you like to draw upon most in the next phase of your career?